

The Intermountain Branch had a good year!

We started off with our informal contest that we call the Smackdown in the spring at a local pub. Over the course of the year, we have discussed the idea of making this a formal, sanctioned solo contest for 2024! We are looking for a location now, and will be working on more details after the holidays.

The Rio Grande Celtic Festival in May had band contests again this year, and the festival was well attended. After that, we had one contest a month! June brought the Pikes Peak Celtic Festival in Colorado Springs, and July was the Elizabeth Celtic Festival in Elizabeth, CO.

August saw the Colorado Scottish Festival move to its new location at the Denver Polo Club in Sedalia, CO, and September, of course, took us all back to Estes Park for the Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival the weekend after Labor Day!

We had a few glitches over the course of the season, but at the AGM on 11/27 we discussed ways to shore up processes and streamline things going into next year.

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